

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Fines on Railway bookstall contractors**

4698. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any instructions/guidelines issued by the Ministry for imposition of fines for various lapses of bookstall contractors;

(b) if so, what are the details of the amounts fixed on each lapse;

(c) whether there is any variation adopted by the Zonal Railways in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Ministry of Railways have not issued any instructions or guidelines for imposition of fines on bookstall contractors, who operate under different terms and conditions through an agreement entered by them with Zonal Railways. There is a variation in amount of fine imposed by various Railways, which varies with the type of bookstalls and the kind of lapses.